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- Worldwide one billion greeting cards, of which 85% will be purchased by women, will be exchanged on Valentine's Day.
- 35 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates and 8 billion conversation hearts will be purchased in the US alone.
- Despite all the cards and candy, Valentine's Day is the #2 holiday for both. Christmas is #1 for cards and Halloween is #1 for candy.

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Winter Continues



This winter seems like it will never end. Usually by now we've enjoyed the brief period of warmer weather called the January thaw and the end is in sight, but this year, instead of a thaw, we received even more snow and ice.

The Public Works Department has spent over 1,100 man-hours in snow removal efforts, purchased 1,300 tons of salt, and applied almost all of it on city streets. This effort includes not only the Street & Alley Department, but hours are also logged by employees from other Public Works Departments as well as other divisions. When the crews aren't working on the roads they are working to keep the equipment running. Equipment failure is just another part of the winter battle.



Even without a January thaw, all the snow, ice, and salt have worked their winter magic and it's "Pothole Season". Now it's time to start repairing the damage to the streets and alleyways caused by all the snow and ice.

A pothole forms when moisture that has seeped into the surfaces of the roadway freezes. As the roadway thaws the pothole appears.

The Street Department has two methods of repair available to them this time of the year. A cold mix patching material is placed in smaller holes. Larger areas, such as rutted up alleyways will need to be repaired with rock.

Last year the Public Works Department received 56 requests for pothole repair and spent over 1000 man-hours in that same period making the repairs.

To report an area that needs to have holes filled please contact us at 654-6823 so that a work order may be entered.



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Spring begins Monday, March 20th, at 6:21pm